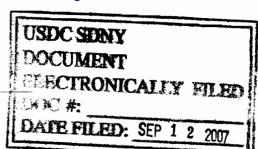


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Honorable Laura Taylor Swain United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., Room 755 New York, New York 10007 NIEMO ENDORSED

IT IS ORDERED that counsel to whom this Memo Endorsement is sent is responsible for faxing or otherwise delivering promptly a copy to all counsel and unrepresented parties and filing a certificate of such service within 5 days from the date hereof. Do at fix such certification to Chambers.

RE:

Joe Simon-Whelan v. The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, et al. Case No. 07 -CV-6423

Dear Judge Swain:

As counsel for plaintiff, I write in response to defendants' request for an extension of the page limit in connection with their motion to dismiss. First, as I have communicated to defense counsel, as matter of professional courtesy, plaintiffs' counsel consents to the page extension sought by defendants. However, defense counsel fails to mention that the consent was based upon defense counsel's representation that it would consent to a similar extension for plaintiff's brief in opposition to the motion to dismiss. Thus, plaintiff respectfully requests that any increased page limit also apply to his opposition brief.

Second, and more troubling, is defense counsel's decision, in connection with their unopposed application for additional pages, to provide the Court with their September 7, 2007 letter to plaintiff's counsel. This is potentially prejudicial to plaintiff, as it violates the spirit of Your Honor's Individual Practices, which we do not interpret as allowing correspondence to the Court to be used as a vehicle to offer one-sided argument on motions that have yet to be filed.

In view of the foregoing, yesterday I asked defense counsel to withdraw his letter and submit a new one that accurately summarized the parties' agreement and does not attach his September 7, 2007 letter. He responded that he would inform the Court that defendants consent to the page limit extension, but that he would not withdraw the letter. While plaintiff obviously disagrees with defendants' positions in the September 7, 2007 letter, we will address those positions directly with defense counsel, as required by Rule 2(b) of Your Honor's Individual Practices, and, if the parties cannot resolve their differences, in our opposition to defendants' motion to dismiss.

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